Dec. 21, 1928.

Mrs. Mollie Collier,
C/o Mr. J. B. Collier,
Donna, Texas.

My dear Cousin Mollie:

Your letter from Waco, also your letter from Donna, duly received. You will have to pardon me for not replying to your letters promptly, as I am loaded down with work, and also slightly inclined to dislike work. I have been burning the midnight oil for many, many years and the nerves are somewhat worn down.

I trust you have a good time visiting your children from one to the other.

I regret that Texas went Republican. I was not here during the reconstruction period---I know nothing about the Civil War except as I have heard it spoken of, but I do not see how any true Southerner can vote a Republican ticket. I have been in and around the City of Washington so often, probably a hundred times in my life, sometimes spending three or four days there, and being so familiar with political affairs, I cannot see how any person could consider the Republicans a dry party. Of course, if we are natural Republicans from a national viewpoint, then it is just as fair to vote a Republican ticket as it is to vote a Democratic ticket. But in my opinion the Republicans are very wet and will get wetter. I have been associated in business deals with Mr. A. W. Mellon in the way of preferred loans, etc., and Mr. Mellon likes a dollar anyway he can get it.

Durward, you know, is now living at Athens, Georgia, being President of the Athens Cotton Mills at that place, a large industrial plant employing 700 people. We also own the Latonton Cotton Mills, but at present we are not oporating them.

Give my love and regards to all the children, and I trust you will have a pleasant Christmas.

With love and best wishes from all of us, I beg to remain

Sincerely,